(b) whether the Solicitor General had assured the Delhi High Court that the CBI inquiry would be completed by the end of the year 1994; and

(c) what action has been taken on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) During the course of investigation of a terrorist funding case by CBI, it was learnt that the Hawala channel was used for sending money to the terrorists from UK to Kashmir Valley. After completing the investigation of the said case, the CBI has already filed charge-sheet against 5 persons for aiding and abetting militancy in Kashmir Valley. Besides terrorists, several other persons also received money through the same channels though there is no evidence of these other persons having any terrorist links. The names of such persons were found written in coded forms in the two Diaries and files recovered from the house of one J. K. Jain on 3-5-91.

(b) and (c) At the initial stages of the proceedings before the Hon'ble Supreme Court (and not the Hon'ble High Court), in answer to querry put by the then Chief Justice, the Solicitor General had submitted that the Indian part of the investigations was expected to be completed by the end of the year 1994. Further hearings have taken place and the case is now posted for 16-1-1995.

Defamatory Reports about India

2365. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amnesty International, Asia Watch and other similar organisations have been carrying tendentious and defamatory report about India;

(b) whether AI recently circulated a fake picture about Srinagar (vide The Hindustan Times, 18-11-94); and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to ban the activities of these dubious outfits in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Reports on allegations of human rights violations in various parts of the country have been published from time to time by various Human Rights Organisations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch/Asia, etc. These have contained sweeping and generalised allegations, exaggerations and distortions often requiring Government's response to put the correct positions in perspective.

(b) Amnesty International, in their Campaign Journal for British Section, had published the picture of a non-Kashmiri woman under the caption "Kashmir: Where India has turned Heaven into Hell: First pictures from besieged Srinagar". Government have conveyed objections to Amnesty International in the strongest possible term through diplomatic channel and asked them to explain the positions.

(c) The Government keeps a close watch on the reports of such organisations and takes appropriate action as may be required to minimise their adverse impact.

Pending Cases of Compassionate Appointment in C.R.P.F.

2366. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of compassionate appointments pending with Government/C.R.P.F. in case of those whose parents had died in harness in 1988 while serving in the 3rd Signal Bn. CRPF, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that undue delay has taken place in offering jobs on compassionate grounds, the affected families continue to suffer and the very purpose of compassionate appointments is being defeated;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps being taken to avoid delays in giving offers of appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) An application from Shri Bhimraj Singh, son of late Water Carrier Man Singh of 3rd Signal Bn. CRPF was received by CRPF for appointment as a Follower (Peon).

(b) and (c) Shri Bhimraj Singh could not be offered appointment as Follower (Peon) due to non-availability of vacancies under the compassionate appointment quota. Thereafter, he had applied for appointment to a Group 'C' ministerial post, but he has been found unfit for that appointment.

(d) The appointing authority in CRPF has been advised to offer appointment to Shri Bhimraj Singh as Follower (Peon) immediately on availability of vacancy, subject to his medical fitness.

Pre-Planned Demolition of Ayodhya

2367. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the disputed structure in Ayodhya demolished;

(b) whether the demolition has been found pre-planned;

(c) whether any Court of Law has found the Vishwa Hindu Parishad or any other organisation as guilty for the demolition of disputed structure in Ayodhya; and

(d) if so, their names and the follow up action?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The disputed Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure was demolished on 6 December, 1992.

(b) to (d) The Central Bureau of Investigation was entrusted with the investigation into the offences connected with the demolition of Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure. The CBI filed a combined charge sheet against forty persons before the Special Magistrate. CBI, Lucknow who committed the case to the Sessions Court; the further proceedings are going on in the Court of the Special Judge (Ayodhya cases); thus the matter is sub-judice. In addition a Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice Shri Manmohan Singh Liberhan was constituted to look into the sequence of events leading to, and all the facts & circumstances relating to the occurrences in the RJB-BM complex at Ayodhya on 6 December 1992 involving the destruction of the RJB-BM structure.

Alleged misuse of Intelligence Agencies

2368. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Indian Express dated 22nd November, 1994 to the effect that, according to the Minister of State for Mines, "Official Intelligence Agencies have predicted victory for the Congress party in the ensuing State Assembly elections";

(b) whether the Statement of the Minister is in consonance with facts; and

(c) if so, whether it is an integral part of the functions and responsibilities of official agencies such as the Intelligence Bureau to conduct such investigations of a political nature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Newspaper Report about Dawood Ibrahim's Arrest

2369. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Newspapers had flashed story of Dubai-based Dawood Ibrahim's arrest in the month of November, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has located the sources from where the news of Dawood Ibrahim's arrest was known?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Delhi based Newspaper had flashed a story about the arrest of Dawood Ibrahim and his having been brought to Delhi. This report was incorrect.

(c) No, Sir.

Blending fee for Lubes and Greases

2370. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the blending fee for the lubes and greases in IOBL plants of IOC;

(b) when was it last revised and the reasons for the revision;

(c) whether in spite of a revision, the blending fees earned showed a declining trend; if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) what is the blending fee offered by IOC to Raaj Unocal Ltd. Delhi, a private party; and

(e) whether the above mentioned party has already started blending of lubes under a contract with IOC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (e) The blending fees for lubes and greases in IOBL plants are Rs. 875 per KL and Rs. 4250 per MT respectively. The blending fees for lubes and greases were last revised on 1-4-1994 and 1-4-1991 respectively for reasons like increased expenditure on salary and fringe benefits to employees, increase in cost of power, spares, consumables and utilities, increase in capital expenditure for technical upgradation and modernisation of plants, etc. There has been no decline in the blending fees earned after the revision.